

MAY 2021 EDITION

DEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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LEPC UPDATE

WHAT HAS WALLY BEEN UP TO?

Look who we found hanging around the Deer Park City Hall! It's Wally Wise Guy, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) mascot! Wally is an expert on how to Shelter-in-Place, and over the years, he has worked with children from Kindergarten to 4th grade to teach them how to stay safe. You can learn more from Wally, including the steps to Shelter-in-Place, by visiting the LEPC webpage.

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Wally Wise Guy will make a special appearance on the City's social media between now and July!

RECOGNITION WEEKS

MAY 2-8, 2021

NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

MAY 2-8, 2021

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

MAY 2-8, 2021

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

MAY 4, 2021

INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

MAY 9-15, 2021

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

MAY 9-15, 2021

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

MAY 9-15, 2021

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MAY 9-15, 2021

NATIONAL WOMENS' HEALTH WEEK

MAY 16-22, 2021

NATIONAL EMS WEEK

MAY 16-22, 2021

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

MAY 4 MAY 18

UPCOMING CLOSURES

MAY 31 JULY 5

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PARTNERS

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MEETING AGENDAS

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SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS









PARKS AND RECREATION

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Join us in Dow Park while we kick off the Summer Concert Series with Bennie Wheels - A Tribute to Johnny Cash. Friday, June 4 at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm located at the Dow Park Pavilions.

The Summer Concert series will continue Thursdays from June 10 - August 12 from 7 pm - 8:30 pm each Thursday. Come enjoy a free night of festive local and regional live bands as they perform some of your favorite songs in Dow Park all while enjoying the company of your fellow neighbors. All Summer Concerts will be held at Dow Park Pavilions.

For more information on cancellation notices, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page, **HERE**.



WWW.DEERPARKTX.GOV/PARKSANDREC



ANNUAL 4TH FEST

Join the Parks and Recreation Department for a night of music, food and fireworks, Sunday, July 4, 2021 from 7PM – 10PM located at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. The band OMG will perform outdoors starting at 7PM. Fireworks will start at 9:15PM.

The OMG band is a versatile band with songs ranging from rock, pop, R&B, hip-hop, county, latino, and long-lost favorites you haven't heard in years.



DIVE IN MOVIES

Join us for a movie by the pool! Come out to the Dow Park Pool and bring a blanket to sit on the deck or your swimsuit to take a dip! Flotation devices allowed but must be see-through. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (18+).

- Doors open at 7 PM
- Movie starts at 8:30 PM
- \$5 per person
- Price of admission includes a ticket for free gelato from Gelu Italian Ice
- Children under the age of 2 do not have to purchase a ticket
- Pool Rules apply while in the Dow Park Pool especially when the movie is playing.
- If your child has a Coast Guard approved life vest, arm floaties, puddle pusher etc. they must be within arm's reach of an adult at all times, no exceptions.
- Having a Pool Membership does not grant access to the Dive In Movies, you must purchase a ticket.
- Limited to 100 tickets (pre-sale) and 50 tickets sold at the door (first-come, first-served). Everyone entering must purchase a ticket. Children under 2 are free.
- If the event is cancelled before the movie begins, a full refund will be issued per City of Deer Park refund policies. If the event is cancelled at any point after the movie begins, a Dow Park Pool day pass will be issued to each person in attendance at the time of cancellation. No refunds or exchanges.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE! PLEASE VISIT THE ACTIVE NET LINKS BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

Dates and Movies

June 18: Disney's Frozen 2, Rated PG, Approx. 1 hr. 43 min.

CLICK HERE

July 16: Disney's A Goofy Movie, Rated G, Approx. 1 hr. 18 min.





FITNESS IN THE PARK

Come to Dow Park on Thursday, May 20 from 6-8 PM for a free fitness day! All ages are welcome. For more information please visit the Parks and Recreation website by clicking **HERE**.

MOVIES IN THE PARKING LOT

Join us for family friendly movies in the Dow Park Parking Lot! Park your car in front of the giant movie screen and enjoy! All movies will begin at dusk as you turn your radio to FM 97.1 to listen in. The Deer Park Citizens Police Academy will be selling concessions during the movie. For more information please **CLICK HERE.**

MOTHER AND SON KICKBALL

Celebrate Mother's Day with friendly competition. The City of Deer Park is hosting a Mother vs. Son kickball game on Saturday, May 8 from 9 AM – 12 PM at Brown Field located in Dow Park. There is a 12 person minimum so be sure to register! This event is free but registration is required. This event is for ages 5 and up only. **CLICK HERE** to register.







ART PARK PLAYERS

BACK IN THE "SING" OF THINGS

The Deer Park Art Park Players present, "BEEHIVE: THE 60'S MUSICAL!" featuring cast members from the 2008 production, with production dates from April 16 - May 2. BEEHIVE celebrates the powerful female voices of the 1960's with such timeless hits as "My Boyfriend's Back," "Proud Mary," "One Fine Day," and "Me and Bobby McGee." Told from the perspective of six young women who come of age in this enigmatic decade, BEEHIVE takes us from their first Beehive Dance to the challenges faced as a nation. For future show information and to purchase tickets for another event, click the button below.







DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

On June 19, dads and their daughters can enjoy a mermaid themed evening at the 22nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance! This is an evening that not only daughters look forward to but dads as well! There will be dancing, light refreshments and door prizes. This year's theme is Mermaid Kisses and Starfish Wishes.

June 19, 2021 at 7 PM - 9 PM
Jimmy Burke Activity Center
500 W. 13th Street
Maximum Capacity:
75 participants
\$30 per dad/daughter couple
\$10 per additional daughter



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"THE SARGE"

Deer Park resident Glen Beran has opened Sarge's Power Wash. This veteran owned and operated small business will simplify your spring cleaning. Find him on Facebook or visit www.sargespowerwash.com. You can contact him by email at sargespowerwash@gmail.com or give him a call at (281) 241-9789.

Proud to be veteran owned and operated!



BEYOND BEAUTÉ

Deer Park's Beyond Beauté is celebrating their 33rd anniversary this spring as a full-service day spa and wellness center featuring massages, body treatments, nail care and more. Located at 2805 Center Street, you can make book your appointment by calling (281) 930-1734 or find them on Facebook.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY LIGHTS & SIRENS



What To Do When They Approach

When you hear sirens approach as you are driving, it is important to remember to yield to the right of way to all emergency vehicles. Drivers of emergency vehicles are thoroughly trained and tested and are taught to first drive with regard for the safety of others. Their intent is never to force other drivers off the road.

Generally, emergency drivers will move left, since obviously other drivers are supposed to move right. Sometimes, due to traffic conditions, they may have to travel in opposing lanes.

This is why it is so important for drivers to respect response vehicles by moving out of the way and stopping. That will provide the space needed and ideally give an escape route if something goes wrong. The following is an outline of what you should and should not do when you see emergency lights and hear sirens approach.

Things You Should Do

- Pull your vehicle to the right and stop. This is the general rule in all cases. When you are in the right lane, pull onto the right shoulder if there is room and stop or at least slow down if you are on an open high-speed road
- When you are in the left lane and traffic in the right lane is moving onto the shoulder, move right into their lane
- If you cannot go right because of an obstacle, such as a car in the right lane when you are in the left lane, the next best thing is to stop. The driver of an emergency vehicle can then anticipate where to move his vehicle. If you are continuing to travel, someone else might not see the response vehicle or respond inappropriately. If you are moving, you are at risk of collision
- When you are at an intersection with a stop sign or red light and a response vehicle is coming up behind you, stay where you are if you cannot pull to the right

Things You Should Not Do

- Stop in the middle of the lane when there is room to pull right
- Pull to the left in the center yellow lane or left turn lane
- Drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind
- Make a left turn quickly to a driveway or street
- Race ahead to get through a green light or turn before the response vehicle gets there
- Disregard and continue to travel despite the response vehicle







POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Are you a proactive citizen interested in furthering the police-community relationship? If so, the Deer Park Police Department has an opportunity for you. The Deer Park Police Department is currently recruiting citizens for the 44th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes will begin on Thursday, August 19, 2021 and are held each Thursday from 6:30pm-9:30pm until graduation. The course is provided free of charge by the Deer Park Police Department in the interest of strengthening police-community bonds and increasing communication between citizens and police department employees. Interested citizens should contact Community Liaison Sheila Plovanich at (281) 930-2118 or splovanichedeerparktx.org.



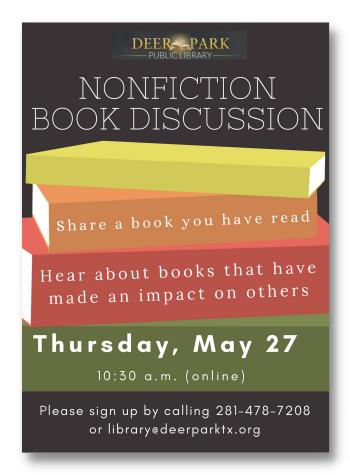
COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

On Saturday, May 15 from 10 AM to 1 PM the Deer Park Police Department and the Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is hosting a free to the public Community Shred Event and Food Drive. Drop off your papers at the Police Station and bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Interfaith Helping Hands Food Bank.

For more information on this event, please visit the Deer Park Police Department's Facebook page, or visit www.dpcpaaa.org.



DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY





Storytime will alternate between outdoor in person sessions and live virtual sessions on Facebook. Outdoor sessions will be held in the field behind the library.

In case of bad weather*, Storytime will be broadcast Live on Facebook.

Storytime will begin at 11:00 am.

May 6th-Live Facebook May 13th-Outdoor May 20th-Outdoor May 27th-No Storytime

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION MEETS MAY 27

Read something eye-opening lately? Join us for an online discussion on Thursday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. to share your latest book find. Talk about a nonfiction book you have read recently, and talk with others about a book that has made an impact on them. To register or for more information, please contact the library at 281-478-7208 or library@deerparktx.org.

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Learn about the wide variety of templates available to use for free on the website canva.com, and design some of your own. Customize or start your own invitation, flyer, social media post, presentation, resume, and much more. You'll also find a variety of images and fonts for your designs. Join us from home to learn how to use all of these features on Saturday, May 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, please call the Deer Park Public Library at 281–478–7208 or email library@deerparktx.org.

COMPUTER CLASSES

@ Deer Park Public Library

Saturday, May 15

10 to 11:30 a.m. (online)

DESIGNING WITH CANVA

- Design flyers, invitations, presentations, resumes, social media graphics and more
- Register please by calling 281-478-7208 or by emailing library@deerparktx.org

Deer Park Public Library

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Deer Park Public Library will make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities who are interested in attending the library's programs. If you or someone you know will require an accommodation to participate, please notify the library two working days in advance of the program. Asistencia bilingue disponible cuando se solicite.

BEGINNING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS

If you know of someone who would like to learn to speak English as a second language, they may be interested in a free online class at the Deer Park Public Library.

The class meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in an online meeting. To join the class, contact the library at 281-478-7208 or email library@deerparktx.org.

In addition to the class, the library provides a free Rosetta Stone phone app at its website, deerparktx.gov/library (see E-Library). All that is necessary to use the app is a library card.

BE A HERO - DONATE BLOOD MAY 6 AT DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate "May the Fourth" and then help Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center defeat the Dark Side by donating blood and saving lives here at the Deer Park Public Library.

The blood drive takes place on Thursday, May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fulfill your destiny and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will thank you with a complimentary t-shirt while supplies last.

The Blood Center needs 1,000 donations every day to serve patients in the area. To donate, **CLICK HERE**.

You can also have a free COVID-19 antibody test. This test is authorized by the FDA only for detecting the presence of antibodies against COVID, and does not test for the presence of the virus.

Deer Park Public Library is located at 3009 Center Street. Appointments are preferred please. To make an appointment, please visit www.commitforlife.org and click on "Schedule to Donate." Search by "Sponsor Code Search" with code DPPL.

Beginning ESL

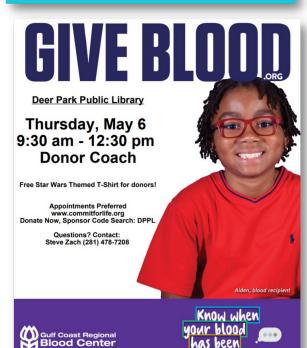
- ONLINE CLASS (FREE), 10-11 A.M. TUESDAY
- ALSO AVAILABLE: ROSETTA STONE APP (FREE WITH A LIBRARY CARD AT DEERPARKTX.GOV/LIBRARY)

REGISTER PLEASE AT 281-478-7208 OR LIBRARY@DEERPARKTX.ORG





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EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

EXPERT PRESENTS TALK ON BIRDS IN EVERYDAY PLACES

Birds are nearby most everywhere you go – in our yards, in the middle of a city, and even in parking lots. In fact, Jennifer Bristol says those are good places to find a variety regardless of your level of birding expertise.

Even as a two-time Most Valuable Birder Award in the Great Texas Birding Classic, "I have personally trudged down hundreds of miles of trails in Texas, loaded down with gear, searching for birds, only to return to the parking lot to find what I was looking for," says Bristol, author of Parking Lot Birding: A Fun Guide to Discovering Birds in Texas.

Bristol will speak as part of Deer Park Public Library's Featured Friday series on May 21 at 11 a.m. to help us recognize birds we are likely to see in frequently traveled areas and to suggest other local places in which a novice observer can see or hear many kinds of birds.

In addition to her birding expertise, Bristol is a former park ranger and former director of Texas Children in Nature program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. She has contributed articles to Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine and other publications and has served on the advisory boards for the Texas Wildlife Association and Travis Audubon.

Whether your bird-watching interests range from a possible new hobby or just a casual a desire to recognize some of nature's sights and sounds around you that you have overlooked, join us on May 21 to get started.

For more information, or to register for this presentation, please call Deer Park Public Library at 281–478–7208 or email library@deerparktx.org.

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DEER PARK

— PUBLIC LIBRARY—

Deer Park Public Library Featured Friday Series Event



PARKING LOT BIRDING ALL THE BIRDS YOU SEE "ON" THE BEATEN PATH

Presented online by

Jennifer Bristol

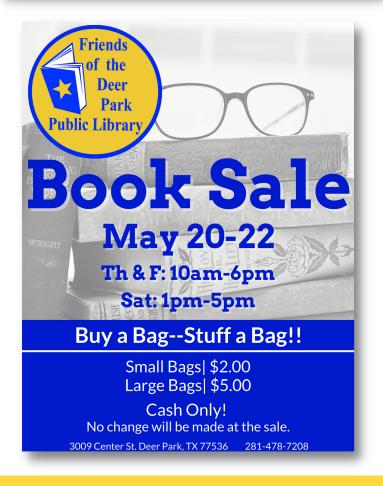
Jennifer Bristol is a former park ranger, the former director of Texas Children in Nature program and twice recipient of the Most Valuable Birder Award in the Great Texas Birding Classic.

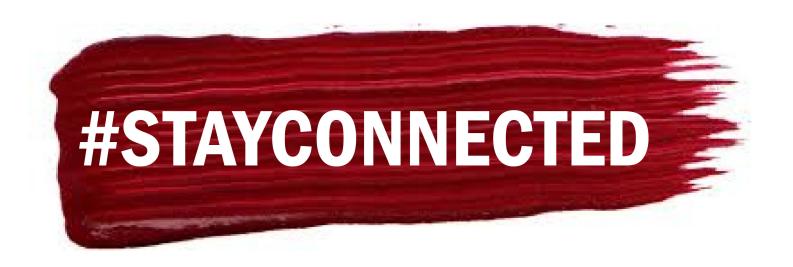
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We invite you to join us on social media.



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